

## BOOK NOTICES

## University of California Press

MICHAEL G. BARBOUR, TODD KEELER-WOLF, and ALLAN A. SCHOENHERR (eds.). 2007. **Terrestrial Vegetation of California. Third Edition.** (ISBN 978-0-520-24955-4, hbk.). University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94704, U.S.A. (**Orders:** California Princeton Fulfillment Services, 1445 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618, U.S.A.; www.ucpress.edu; 609-883-1759; 609-883-7413 fax). \$75.00, 730 pages, color and b/w photos, 8 1/2" × 11".

A "thoroughly revised, entirely rewritten edition," past the 2nd edition of 1988, with contributions from 43 authors.

*Table of Contents.*—**1.** The History of Vegetation Classification and Mapping in California. **2.** Climate, Paleoclimate, and Paleovegetation. **3.** California Soils and Examples of Ultramafic Vegetation. **4.** Nonnative Plants of California. **5.** Estuarine Wetlands. **6.** Beach and Dune. **7.** Northern Coastal Scrub and Coastal Prairie. **8.** Sage Scrub. **9.** The California Channel Islands. **10.** Forests of Northwestern California. **11.** Closed-Cone Pine and Cypress Forests. **12.** Oak Woodlands and Forests. **13.** Chaparral. **14.** Valley Grassland. **15.** Vernal Pools. **16.** Riparian Vegetation of the Great Valley. **17.** Montane and Subalpine Vegetation of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Ranges. **18.** Southern California Conifer Forests. **19.** Alpine Vegetation. **20.** Transmontane Coniferous Vegetation. **21.** Sagebrush Steppe. **22.** Mojave Desert Scrub. **23.** Colorado Desert Vegetation. Species Index, General Index

## Two Books in the California Natural History Guide Series

JOAN EASTON LENTZ, DON DESJARDIN (Principal Photographer), and PETER GAEDE (Illustrator). 2006. **Introduction to Birds of the Southern California Coast.** (ISBN 0-520-23780-3, pbk.). California Natural History Guide Series No. 84. University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94704, U.S.A. (**Orders:** California Princeton Fulfillment Services, 1445 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618, U.S.A.; www.ucpress.edu; 609-883-1759; 609-883-7413 fax). \$19.95, 316 pages, 120 color, 51 line illustrations, 16 maps, 4 1/2" × 7 1/4".

*Publisher information from back cover.*—An excellent introduction and a perfect companion for excursions ranging from the Mexican border to San Luis Obispo County, this indispensable guide will familiarize bird-watchers, hikers, naturalists, residents, and travelers with the appearance and behavior of 120 of southern California's most common coastal birds.

ARTHUR R. KRUCKEBERG. 2006. **Introduction to California Soils and Plants: Serpentine, Vernal Pools, and Other Geobotanical Wonders.** (ISBN 978-0-520-23372-0, pbk.). California Natural History Guide Series No. 86. University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94704, U.S.A. (**Orders:** California Princeton Fulfillment Services, 1445 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618, U.S.A.; www.ucpress.edu; 609-883-1759; 609-883-7413 fax). \$18.95, 280 pages, 181 b/w and color photos, 4 1/2" × 7 1/4".

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